

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as instructed in the marked-up version of the listing of claims presented below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A support cushion comprising:
  - an elastic core having a first surface, a second surface, and thickness defined by the first surface and the second surface;
  - a first cover portion substantially entirely enclosing the elastic core;
  - a pillow top surface adjacent the first surface of the elastic core, the pillow top surface including a plurality of foam strips; and
  - a second cover portion at least partially covering the pillow top surface, the second cover portion attached to at least one of the first cover portion and the elastic core.
2. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the strips are positioned side-by-side to substantially cover the first surface of the elastic core.
3. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the plurality of strips includes between four and eight strips.
4. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the strips are separated by a material.
5. (Previously Presented) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second cover portions separates the strips from the core.
6. (Previously Presented) The support cushion of claim 5, wherein the second cover portion includes a plurality of sleeves, each sleeve at least partially housing one of the strips.

7. (Previously Presented) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the strips are separated from each other by the second cover portion.
8. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the strips are viscoelastic foam strips.
9. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the lengths of the strips are the same.
10. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the strips include different hardnesses.
11. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the strips have a thickness of between two and seven centimeters.
12. (Original) The support cushion of claim 1, wherein the elastic core has a greater hardness than the strips.

13. (Currently Amended) A pillow top layer for a support cushion having an elastic core, the elastic core having a length and a width wherein the length is greater than the width, the pillow top layer comprising:

a plurality of foam strips having a length, a width, and a thickness, the width of each foam strip is substantially the same as the width of the elastic core and greater than the length of each foam strip, wherein adjacent strips have ~~parallel~~ substantially planar facing sides positioned side-by-side to define a substantially gapless structure, wherein the combined length of the plurality of strips is substantially the same as the length of the elastic core; and

wherein the strips are separated from one another by a layer of material.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, further comprising a cover covering the elastic core.

16. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 15, wherein the cover includes a plurality of sleeves, each sleeve at least partially housing one of the strips.

17. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, wherein the strips are viscoelastic foam strips.

18. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, wherein the strips include between four and eight strips.

19. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, wherein the lengths of the strips are the same.

20. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, wherein the strips have different hardnesses.

21. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, wherein the strips have a thickness of between two and seven centimeters.

22. (Original) The pillow top layer of claim 13, wherein the elastic core has a greater hardness than the strips.

23. (Currently Amended) A support cushion comprising:  
an elastic core; and  
a pillow top portion adjacent to the core, the pillow top portion comprising a plurality of foam strips positioned side-by-side and separated from one another only by a material to form a non-continuous but gapless layer on top of the elastic core, wherein adjacent strips have parallel facing sides side surfaces.
24. (Original) The support cushion of claim 23, wherein the material separates the strips from the core.
25. (Original) The support cushion of claim 23, wherein the material defines a plurality of sleeves, each sleeve housing one of the plurality of strips.
26. (Original) The support cushion of claim 23, wherein the material defines between four and eight sleeves.
27. (Previously Presented) The support cushion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second cover portion is releasably attached to the first cover portion.
28. (Previously Presented) The support cushion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second cover portions are part of the same cover.

29. (Currently Amended) A pillow top layer for a support cushion having an elastic core, the pillow top layer comprising:

a first elongated foam portion having first and second opposite sides;

a second elongated foam portion extending substantially parallel to the first elongated foam portion and having third and fourth opposite sides, wherein the second side of the first elongated foam portion is parallel and adjacent the third side of the first elongated foam portion, the first and second elongated foam portions collectively defining a substantially planar and contiguous top surface of the pillow top layer; and

a cover covering the first and second elongated foam portions and separating the second side of the first elongated foam portion from the third side of the second elongated foam portion, wherein the cover and the first and second elongated foam portions define a substantially gapless structure.